

Ongoing Legislative Priorities

Throughout her tenure in the Washington State Legislature, Senator Shirley Winsley has been a champion for local governments. In 2002, she was successful getting "backfill" money in the supplemental budget for cities most negatively affected by the repeal of the MVET.

She has a long history of trying to reduce the state property tax burden on homeowners and businesses. She sponsored the first bill in the Senate to phase out the state's portion of the property tax (SB 5003/1999) – knowing that this would greatly assist local governments and help school districts win approval of their bond and levy proposals.

Senator Winsley is recognized for being a hard-working legislator who takes on issues that demand great attention to detail and require extensive research and patience in finding workable solutions.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, INSURANCE AND HOUSING (VICE CHAIR)

Senator Winsley has been a leader on legislation creating fair housing practices that protect tenants and landlords alike.

This past summer, she was a presenter at the National Conference of State Legislatures' Summit for America on the subject of predatory lending practices.

A key issue for this committee will be fraud and identity theft. She is a member of the task force on fraud and identity theft that worked during the 2002 interim to find legislative solutions this huge and growing problem that hurts consumers, retailers and financial institutions.